

21. REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE

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The purpose of this report is to outline a funding request seeking funds from the Boards Project Discretionary Fund 2001/02, from Christ the King School's Parent Council.

The Parent Council wish to replace the bank ground cover under its play area. The proposal is to install "softfall matting" under the junior fort.

The area is currently covered in bark which through annual bark replacement and maintenance requires the Parent Council to raise between \$1,200 and \$1800 per year. The Parent Council is also concerned about safety factors such as broken glass not being easily visible.

The schools management has an open policy allowing the community to use its ground during out of school hours which includes the schools junior playground. It is also interesting to note that since Jellie Skate park has been available there is little skateboarding in the school grounds.

However because of the lack of street apparatus at Jellie Skate park the adjacent church steps remain a popular place for skateboarders.

The Parents Council has obtained four quotes for the installation of softfall matting which meets current safety standards. A quote submitted by Numat Industries of \$12,968. + GST has been accepted.

The total estimated cost is \$14,589. To date the Parents Council has approximately \$6,000. Fundraising for this project is ongoing with several events planned during the forthcoming months.

The Parents Council of Christ the King School have asked that their request for \$3,000 be submitted to the Board for consideration.

The Community Development Adviser comments:

"Unfortunately the schools project does not meet the Hillary Commission or the Community Development Schemes criteria. It would normally be considered under the Boards Enhancement/Top Up Scheme as part of the annual funding round. This is likely to occur in March 2002.

The request is to part fund a school asset that may have limited value to the wider community. The school have indicated that they have an open door policy of community use and would welcome use of the junior fort play area during out of school hours."

Recommendation: That the application be declined.

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